

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A print order acceptance system for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the system comprises:

an order acceptance machine which accepts digital image data and order information and transfers the image data and the order information to an image printer; and

a voucher printer which is separate from the image printer and which prints a voucher including thumbnail images as high resolution data and details of an order on the basis of the order information, the thumbnail images corresponding to image data which have been accepted by the order acceptance machine and have been transferred to the image printer.

2. (original): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the voucher printed by the voucher printer is used for ascertaining printouts of images at the time of receipt of printouts of images printed by the image printer on the basis of the image data that have been transferred to the image printer.

3. (original): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the order acceptance machine has means for displaying images on the basis of the accepted image data and transfers, to the image printer, image data pertaining to images selected from the displayed images.

4. (original): The print order acceptance system according to any one of claims 1 through 3, wherein the order acceptance machine accepts thumbnail image data as well as the digital image data.

5. (original): The print order acceptance system according to any one of claims 1 through 3, wherein the order acceptance machine produces thumbnail image data from the accepted digital image data.

6. (currently amended): A print order acceptance system for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the system comprises:

an order acceptance machine which accepts digital image data and order information and transfers the image data and the order information to an image printer; and

electronic mail transmission means which transmits, after the order has been placed, to a person who has placed an order and in the form of an electronic mail, the order information and thumbnail images prepared on the basis of high-precision image data of the images which have been accepted by the order acceptance machine and transferred to the image printer.

7. (original): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6, wherein the order acceptance machine has means for displaying images on the basis of the accepted image data and transfers, to the image printer, image data pertaining to images selected from the displayed images.

8. (original): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the order acceptance machine accepts thumbnail image data as well as the digital image data.

9. (original): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the order acceptance machine produces thumbnail image data from the accepted digital image data.

10. (currently amended): A print order acceptance method for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

transferring to an image printer ordered image data and order information; and

instructing a voucher printer, which is separate from the image printer, to print a voucher including thumbnail images prepared on the basis of high-precision image data and details of the order on the basis of the order information, the thumbnail images corresponding to image data which have been transferred to the image printer.

11. (currently amended): A print order acceptance method for accepting an order for printing images on the basis of digital image data, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

transferring to an image printer ordered image data and order information; and

transmitting, after the order has been placed, to a person who has placed the order and in the form of an electronic mail, thumbnail images prepared on the basis of high-precision image data corresponding to image data which have been transferred to the image printer and the order information.

12. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6, wherein the electronic mail is transmitted to the person who has placed the order at a designated electronic address.

13. (previously presented): The print order acceptance method according to claim 11, wherein the electronic mail is transmitted to the person who has placed the order at a designated electronic address.

14. (canceled).

15. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 6, further comprising a portable cellular phone which displays the thumbnail images transmitted by the electronic mail transmission means.

16. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the thumbnail images are arranged for an index.

17. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the voucher printer prints the voucher on a medium comprising a double weight glossy paper.

18. (previously presented): The print order acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein the voucher printer prints the voucher on a medium comprising a peel-off sticker.